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Alumni E-Connections - February 2011

Dear

I want to wish you a happy Valentine's Day!

Last week was quite an adventure. GSU was closed for 2 ½ days as we had to dig out from the most recent winter storm like many of you. GSU will be closed again this Friday, February 11 in observance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Here's hoping for an early spring.

Read on and stay connected to your alma mater. Feel free to visit the [alumni website](#) to view past editions of the *e-connections* newsletter and our bi-annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections* and to get up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

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Ring, Ring - It's the GSU Annual Fund Calling

You may be receiving a call from one of our students asking for your support of the GSU Annual Fund. Each year a team of students call our alumni. Here are answers to the top three questions these students are asked:

- **WHAT IS THE ANNUAL FUND?** The Annual Fund is the university's general fund that supports the many campus services that broaden academic experiences and enrich campus life.
- **WHY SHOULD I MAKE A GIFT?** Your gift allows the next generation of students to benefit from the same great education you received. State support is dwindling annually. Private support is essential to keep tuition and fees affordable for every qualified student.
- **WHY IS MY PARTICIPATION IMPORTANT?** Every gift makes a difference. Grant funders often look at the participation level of alumni to gauge the effectiveness of, and satisfaction with, a GSU education.

Gifts to the GSU Annual Fund, no matter the size, are put to immediate use to help meet current campus priorities. So when a student calls, please consider making a gift. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

You can also make a gift today online at www.govst.edu/donate.

We look forward to reconnecting with you!

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park - 2011 Docent Orientation

There's still time to sign up for the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Docent Orientation Sessions! The Blizzard of 2011 forced cancellation of our initial session so the first meeting will take place Thursday, February 17.

If you're looking for a good way to expand your horizons, meet people, and serve as an ambassador to one of the Chicago Southland's premier cultural institutions, join the Docent Corps of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park!

As a docent, you will guide visitors through the nationally acclaimed sculpture park, home to 27 masterworks by some of the world's great contemporary artists. Docents lead weekend tours of the park, host programs and receptions, and act as park ambassadors, according to Geoffrey Bates, NMSP curator and director.

"We're looking for people who are interested in art. But they don't have to be experts in contemporary art – they will learn about sculpture and our collection during the orientation sessions." Bates said people of all ages are eligible to participate in the docent program.

Docents are the first to hear park news of exhibitions and acquisitions and often have the opportunity to meet the artists who have created the work in the park.

Six Evening Sessions – 6 to 8 p.m. All evening sessions take place in room G262 of the Faculty Office Center.

Thursday, February 17

Thursday, March 3

Thursday, March 17

Thursday, March 31

Thursday, April 14

Wednesday, April 27

Morning Tour of the Park

8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 7

Fee \$35. Contact park staff at 708.534.4486 for more information.

Education Employment and Internship Fair - February 22

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring an employment fair for people interested in jobs and internship opportunities in education and related fields on Tuesday, February 22, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Alumni and community members are invited to attend at no charge. For more information or to register, call

GSU Hosts Spring Regional Table Tennis Tournament - February 19

Collegiate table tennis competition comes to GSU on Saturday, February 19 with the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association Regional Tournament. More than 50 competitors from eight schools will compete for the regional championship and the chance to attend the national championship in April. The competition begins at 9:30 a.m. with the opening ceremony and will last all day with a break at noon for lunch. Spectators are welcome and admission is free.

The competition of Midwestern colleges and universities brings together some of the best players in the region including athletes from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Illinois-Chicago, and new table tennis powerhouse, Governors State University. GSU won the regional tournament last November.

Additional schools attending the regional tournament include Northwestern, Purdue, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Michigan Technological University. University of Chicago's attendance is still pending.

February 19, 2011

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

GSU Recreation and Fitness Gym

Career Preparation Week - March 8-10

Get ready for your future by attending Career Preparation Week. This event will be held at GSU March 8 through 10 in room B1241. Learn about strategies for job search, social networking, interviewing and more. This event is hosted by the Academic Resource Center and the Office of Career Services and is free. Registration is required.

Schedule of Events:

Tuesday, March 8	10 – 11 a.m.	<i>Strategies for Beginning your Job Search</i>
	Noon – 1 p.m.	<i>Self-Awareness: The Impact of Interpersonal Presentation and Social Networking</i>
	1 – 2 p.m.	<i>LinkedIn: Get Connected!</i>
Wednesday, March 9	10 – 11 a.m.	<i>Creating Effective Resumes and Cover Letters</i>
	Noon – 1 p.m.	<i>Improving Behavioral Interviewing Skills</i>
	1 – 2 p.m.	<i>Mock Interviews (Walk-In Scheduling)</i>
Thursday, March 10	10 – 11 a.m.	<i>Myers-Briggs Type</i>

*Indicator Seminar:
Understanding your
personality type can help
focus your job search and
improve professional
relationships*

Walk-Ins Welcome
Refreshments served
Assessment: 30-45 minutes
*Overview of MBTI and
Assessment Results*

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Attend any workshop for a chance to win a flash drive. Registration is required: call 708.235.3974.

Parent University at GSU - Current Free Seminars

The Family Development Center and the College of Education's Department of Psychology and Counseling are sponsoring Parent University, a series of workshops pertaining to families, parenting, and raising children. The workshops are offered **free** to the community through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and are held at the Family Development Center, located on the main campus.

<i>Raising African-American Boys to Men: A Workshop for Mothers</i>	Wednesday, February 16, 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Cyrus Ellis
<i>Coping with Stress as a Parent: Signs and Symptoms of Stress</i>	Monday, March 7, 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Crystal Blount
<i>Role of Men in Children's Lives</i>	Saturday, March 26, 1 to 4 p.m.	Byron Waller
<i>Grief and Loss for Children</i>	Monday, April 4, 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Darlene Wright
<i>Dangers of Technology</i>	Wednesday, April 13, 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Collette Bakley

GSU Visual Arts Gallery – Minority Art: Inspiration, Obligation – February 28

Minority Art: Inspiration, Obligation is the featured exhibit, discussion, and reception at Governors State University in celebration of African American History Month. The event will be held on February 28, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., with remarks at 7 p.m.

This art exhibition will feature the work of world-renowned artist Kehinde Wiley. In addition to Wiley, *Minority Art: Inspiration, Obligation* also includes the works of regional artists who are African American, or who are doing artwork about the African American experience.

Although African American art is the focus of this event, the discussion topics are relevant to other minority groups and pertinent to the experience of many. Everyone is welcome and the event and reception are free and open to the public.

The artwork of Kehinde Wiley is on loan from the Rhona Hoffman Gallery in Chicago. Wiley's portraits were initially based on photographs taken of young men on the streets of Harlem. The models, dressed in their everyday clothing, are asked to assume poses depicted in paintings or sculptures found in Western Art History. Wiley's art also includes an international view with models found in urban landscapes throughout the world – such as Mumbai, Dakar, and Rio de Janeiro.

An informal discussion will address issues faced by minority artists, from finding inspiration in their minority status and culture to the pitfalls of feeling creatively stuck or obligated to produce art on limited subjects.

The Visual Arts Gallery and Student Affairs and Academic Services are sponsors of the event, which will be held at the Visual Arts Gallery of Governors State University. For more information, call 708.534.4021 or email Jeff Stevenson, Visual Arts Gallery Director, at jstevenson@govst.edu.

Free Library Workshops

The University Library offers free workshops. Classes take place on campus and are free. GSU alumni are welcome to attend. Register by submitting the online registration form or in person at the Reference Desk. Walk-ins welcome.

Workshop	Date	Time	Room
<i>APA Citations</i>	February 14	2 - 3 p.m.	D2401C
<i>APA Formatting</i>	February 15	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	D2434
<i>PubMed/CINAHL</i>	February 16	3 - 4 p.m.	D2401B
<i>APA Citations</i>	February 17	11:30 - 12:30 p.m.	D2401C
<i>BSW-MSW Resources</i>	February 22	3 - 4 p.m.	D2401C
<i>BSW-MSW Resources</i>	February 23	3 - 4 p.m.	D2401C
<i>Starting Your Family Tree</i>	February 24	2 - 4 p.m.	D2401B
<i>APA Formatting</i>	March 3	2 - 3 p.m.	D2401B
<i>APA Citations</i>	March 10	3 - 4 p.m.	D2401C
<i>Using FamilySearch.org in your Genealogy Research</i>	March 10	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	D2435
<i>APA Formatting</i>	March 22	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	D2401B
<i>APA Formatting</i>	March 24	2 - 3 p.m.	D2401B
<i>Finding those Vital Records in Your Genealogy Research</i>	March 31	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	D2435
<i>Unlocking the GSU Vault</i>	April 14	2 - 3 p.m.	D2401A
<i>APA Citations</i>	April 20	2 - 3 p.m.	D2401C
<i>Breaking Down those Brick Walls Your Genealogy</i>	April 21	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	D2435

If you have any questions about the workshops, contact [Judy Hanacek](#), Workshop Coordinator.
Phone: 708.534.4114.